

Current Topics

Chicago Mayorality Contest

Chicago is again in the thick of a municipal campaign. The contest for the mayorality is attracting more than local attention and this for the reason that it is believed by many that the success of one party or the other in a contest in a city as great as Chicago, has an effect on the party at large. But no matter which candidate succeeds the result will hardly have been attained as a result of strictly partisan campaigning. Both of the



ELBRIDGE HANECEY.
(Republican Candidate for Mayor of Chicago.)

principal candidates admit that they are seeking the votes of the citizens who usually vote "the other ticket." So that it may be said that aside from the names "Republican" and "Democrat" at the head of the official ballot there is not much evidence of close party lines. Carter H. Harrison, the Democratic candidate has been twice elected mayor of Chicago and is seeking his third successive term. He is the son of the late Carter H. Harrison, who was assassinated by a crank in 1893. He was born in Chicago.

Elbridge Hanecy, the candidate of the Republicans, came into national notice a year ago, when he sought the Republican nomination for governor. Not being able to muster the required strength, he threw his forces into action for Judge Yates, who was nominated and elected. He has been on the circuit bench of Chicago for several years. He was born in Wisconsin, but settled in Chicago when a boy.

Besides Harrison and Hanecy there are several candidates nominated by petition.

Two Hoyts are in the race for mayor. One is Avery Eugene Hoyt, who is running on the prohibition ticket, the other is Gus Hoyt, who heads the social democratic ticket. Other nominees are John Collins, the candidate of the socialists; John R. Peppin, who leads the socialist labor men, and Thomas Rhodus, the selection of the single taxers.

An Affair of Honor.

Count Boni de Castellane has met M. de Rodays on the field of honor and inflicted upon him a wound which will give him some inconvenience and lay him up for a week. This settles matters very clearly; M. de Castellane is innocent of the charges which de Rodays brought against him. The pres-

ence of his bullet in his adversary's body affords its own convincing proof. The wound is sufficiently serious to show this, and yet not grave enough to give ground for the belief that M. de Rodays in his misrepresentations was guilty of wilful falsehood. If he had intentionally misstated facts the truth undoubtedly would have been shown on the dueling field and M. de Rodays would have been lucky to get off with his life. As it is, the result affords proof of both Boni's innocence and of the unintentional character of de Rodays's wrongdoing. The shallowness of the latter's claims is exposed in the fact that he did not even hit his adversary. Had he done so the verdict against Castellane would have been overwhelming. If each had shot the other it would have been known also that while Boni was guilty as charged his opponent was actuated by malign motives in making the charges. Fortunately it is unnecessary to speculate upon this proposition. M. de Rodays who was first punched into fighting and then shot for doing so, may not be ready to view the matter in a proper and unprejudiced spirit, but Boni's innocence has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of such persons as still believe that the duel is not merely a foolish and wicked survival of an age of barbarism.

Sane View as to Manchooria.

The London Spectator frankly admits that Russia will have Manchooria, and that everybody knows it. Such being the case, it deprecates the bellicose tone of the Asiatic correspondents. It advises Englishmen to admit once for all that they cannot drive Russia out of Manchooria by force, and that nothing will ever cause the Czar's soldiers to evacuate the pro-



CARTER H. HARRISON.
(Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Chicago.)

vince. Russia is as much a fixture in Manchooria as England is in Egypt. The Russian government will go on declaring that this is merely a temporary occupation for the purposes of self-protection, but the Spectator says the thing to do now is to recognize the truth of the matter and attend to securing a commercial "open door." This is a plain and sensible statement of the actual situation.

For the Presidency of Mexico



JOSE LIMANTEUR

General Reyes, who is anxious to succeed Porfirio Diaz as president of Mexico, is the commander of the military forces of the country and popular with the army and civilian classes. He is well known for his large personal acquaintance with Americans and his admiration of America.

Jose Ives Limanteur, who is also a

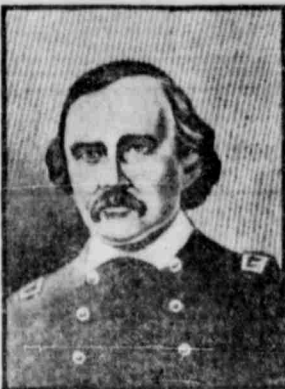


candidate for presidency of Mexico is now financial minister of the republic and one of the most brilliant lawyers of the country. He was taken up several years ago by President Diaz and attained great success in the management of the government's money affairs. He is also very friendly to the Americans.

SAYINGS and DOINGS

Kit Carson's Portrait.

Charles C. Carson, of Higbee, Col., a son of Kit Carson, the great scout, is much displeased with the picture of his father it is proposed to use for a portrait in the State house, and prefers the picture from which the accompanying cut is made. Kit Carson ran away from his Missouri home, going to Santa Fe, N. M., when but a lad of 18 years of age, and began his career as scout, which was invaluable to the government for a number of years. He



KIT CARSON.

was married to Miss Josephine Alamaia at Taos, N. M., seven children being born to them as a result of this union, all of whom are dead with the exception of C. C. Carson, of Higbee, a wealthy stockman; Kit Carson, Jr., of Hastings, Col., and Mrs. Carrie Allen, of Wagonmound, N. M. Kit Carson went into the Arkansas valley in 1868, and located at Boggsville, then a small town two miles south of the present site of Las Animas. He was taken ill shortly after his arrival, and died at Fort Lyons.

Cain's Namesake Dies.

From the Philadelphia North American: Cain Minninger, the oldest resident of Earl township, died yesterday, aged 92 years. He was probably the only man in the state named after the Bible character who figured in a tragedy with his brother Abel. In the same neighborhood some years ago lived a man whose surname was Ananias.

Manila's Police Chief.

Capt. George F. Connelly, who won fame as a commanding officer while in charge of Company H, Thirtieth Regiment Volunteers, is now fully installed in the position of captain of the Metropolitan police force of Manila. The force consists of three captains, nine lieutenants and 700 American patrolmen, all of whom are honorably discharged United States soldiers.

They receive \$75 every month for their services and are reported to be



CHIEF CONNELLY.

the equals of the police of any American city.

Captain Connelly is a Chicagoan and was among the first to volunteer for duty when troops were needed for the Philippines.

The Rod in the Schools.

The rod as an educational and corrective agency in the public schools has been sustained by two Chicago judges within a week. A few days ago Professor G. Stanley Hall, in addressing a mothers' club in this city, declared that Dr. Spang is still an indispensable in a well-ordered home where children are being reared as he was in the days of Ben Franklin. The "new education," it is true, is relegating the rod to the limbo of obsolete things. The idea of restraint or correction has no place in a real up-to-date theory of child training. From the schools this "new education" is spreading to the homes. It is based on the notion that the nature of a child must not be curbed. He must be permitted to follow the tendencies of the child nature, unhampered by rules or chastisement.

The Weekly Panorama.

General Wogack.

General Wogack, whose defiance of the English forces at Tientsin may provoke war between England and Russia, is one of Russia's most trusted leaders in the far east. For the last three years he has been the Russian governor of Port Arthur, the great ter-



GENERAL WOGACK.

ritory which Russia secured from China in 1895. Over all the concession, the exact limits of which have never been defined, his power was supreme and absolute. Under his direction the harbor of Port Arthur was reserved as a station for Russian and Chinese men-of-war and absolutely closed to the naval and merchant vessels of all the other powers. He has also superintended the construction of the fortifications of Port Arthur and has had control of all the civil as well as of the military authorities. General Wogack is said to be a brave soldier and to stand high in the confidence of the authorities at St. Petersburg, who are likely to back him up in any steps he may think it necessary to take.

Venerable Journalist Passes.

Patrick Donahue died in Boston the other day, aged 91. He founded the Boston Pilot in the early thirties and brought out such literary lights as Thomas D'Arcy Magee, John Boyle O'Reilly, Edmund Drummond and others. During the late civil war he had charge of the recruiting of the



PATRICK DONAHUE.

Massachusetts Irish regiments, thereby temporarily impoverishing his fortune. In later years he regained wealth in the publishing business. In his younger days Mr. Donahue had few equals, as a public orator.

Benjamin Harrison as a Writer.

The nation has lost in Benjamin Harrison a rare employer of the English tongue. Never avowedly a literary exemplar, never pretending to style as something superior to the thing to be said, never writing but when he had something of weight and moment to say, his pen was lucid, singular in force and felicity, apt in descriptive allusion without redundancy, keen in allusion without affectation, pure, perspicuous and hard to refute. His recent contributions to political literature possess in exceptional degree patriotism, conviction and a delightful literary charm which few, if any, living can match.

Hugo's Eldest Daughter.

Victor Hugo's eldest daughter, Mlle. Adele Hugo, is now nearly 77 years old. She was engaged to be married to an English officer, who died in India. On learning of her loss her mind became affected, and she is still ignorant of her father's death. The two other heirs of the poet are his grandson and granddaughter, M. Georges Hugo and Mme. Jean Charcot, who married the son of a well-known neurologist.

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

Less Gold from Australia.

The returns from the Australasian gold fields show a decrease in output of 286,294 ounces in 1900 as compared with 1899. But there is no occasion to go into hysterics from fear of a gold famine. The output was 4,461,105 ounces in 1899. The decrease for the year, therefore, was not much more than 6 per cent. Expressed in terms of dollars the decrease last year was \$5,726,000, round figures, and the output last year was the very respectable sum of \$83,500,000, or only about \$12,000,000 less than the output of all the gold fields in the world in 1893. After England finishes the job of wiping out the republics of South Africa the full resumption of mining in the Transvaal will make up last year's loss in Australia perhaps six times over.

Russia's Great Diplomat.

Count Arthur de Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who declares that Russia has no intention of absorbing Mongolia, is a diplomat who is thoroughly acquainted with the country now in dispute between Great Britain and the government of the czar. He came to Washington in 1897 as plenipotentiary, and was subsequently raised to the rank of ambassador by the emperor. For five years previously to his arriving in America he was the czar's representative at Peking, and it was through his negotiations



COUNT CASSINI.
that Russia acquired its vast power in China after the war with Japan.

Lee's Military Career.

Colonel Charles Marshall of Baltimore, who was invited by Washington and Lee university several years ago to write a military biography of General Robert E. Lee, is reported to have practically completed his work. General Lee himself collected data for an account of the operations of the Army of Northern Virginia, but did not begin the work of actual composition. Colonel Marshall has made use of this material in preparing his memoir, and has also had access to many of the captured Confederate records in the war department at Washington.

Invents Torpedo Boat.

The government has consented to listen to the claims made by Dr. Alban, the woman doctor, for her latest invention, a torpedo boat. If the experts are favorably impressed at the hearing a trial of the boat will soon be made.

The chief novelty of the device, as claimed by the inventor, is that, after leaving its projecting mechanism, it separates, the main portion continuing on its course under the water, while the other section rises to the surface, continues its flight through



MRS. ALSBAUE.

the air, and strikes the target above the water line.

The invention is called the "Just-Alsbaue torpedo." Dr. Alsbaue is an attractive woman, still young, who has patented several electric devices, and who holds diplomas crediting her as a mechanical engineer.